(b) whether it is a fact that 400 per cent to 800 per cent of the ex-factory cost is being charged from the poor patients;

(c) what were the prices of these medicines before DPCO, 1987 and the present prices;

(d) what are th details of cases in which his Ministry has intervened after the promulgation of DPCO, 1987 and what were the drugs involved and what results have been achieved; and

(e) how many manufacturers have failed to comply with the directions given after intervention and what are their names and the drugs involved?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a), (d) and (e) As per the provisions of DPCO, 1987, in case of Non-Scheduled drugs, the minufacturers themselves determine the retail price. However, Government keeps a close watch and has intervened in cases of abnormal increase in prices of formulations including some Iron preparations, calcium preparation and vaccines etc. The required details to the extent available are given at annexure [*See* Appendix CXLIX, Annexure No. 164]

(b) and (c) The required details to the extent available will be collected and laid on the Table of the House

Production of Danazol

3012. CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 600 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 27th February, 1989 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Danazol is an anti-cancer drug;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Danazol is being produced in the country from basic stages with indigenous technology;

(c) if so, on what basis his Ministry recommended for import of this drug under OGL;

(d) whether it is a fact that huge quantity of Danazol is being exported to USA and UK;

(e) whether it is also a fact that the quality of Indian Danazol is acceptable world wide; and

(f) if so, what corrective steps are being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Information to the extent available shows that Danazol has been indigenously produced since 1983 and the stage approved for its manufacture is basic.

(c) Import policy for drugs is determined in consideration of several factors like demand, availability, technology constraints etc.

(d) to (f) Details of exports are not monitored by this Ministry. Therefore information regarding world-wide acceptance of Danazol is not available.

Accepting the Kelkar Committee recommendations

3013. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 77 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 27th February, 1989 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry does not have Drug Adviser since last three years or so;

(b) if so, what are the names of the officers who examined the recommendations of Kelkar Committee and what is the technical back ground of each;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Kelkar Committee recommended exclusion of around fifty drugs;